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SUBJECT: EC REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS ON STEEL IN
FRAMEWORK OF TRADE PLEDGE.

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1. DURING CALL BY AMBASSADOR WALKER NOV. 4 ON
ECONMIN ASSISTANT SECRETARY STEEG AND ABRAMOWSKI
AND KUEHN OF HER STAFF, FRG SIDE EXPLAINED THEIR THINK-
ING ON HANDLING STEEL IN MTN AS WELL AS REASONS
UNDERLYING EC REQUEST FOR NOV. 13-14 OECD CONSULTATIONS.

2. KUEHN THOUGHT THAT NEGOTIATIONS ON STEEL IN MTN
MUST BE APPROACHED VERY CAREFULLY. HE DID NOT
THINK STEEL WAS A PRIME CANDIDATE FOR SECTORAL
APPROACH, IN WHICH IT IS LIKELY THAT MORE WILL BE
DONE THAN IN GENERAL APPROACH, SUCH AS WITH AIR-
PLANES, OR LESS THAN IN GENERAL, AS WITH TEXTILES.
EC HAS ALREADY ACHIEVED A GOOD MEASURE OF HARMONI-

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ZATION IN STEEL SECTOR. THUS, FRG WOULD LIKE TO

TRY TO KEEP STEEL IN FRAMEWORK OF GENERAL APPROACH.

3. REFERRING TO REQUEST FOR OECD CONSULTATIONS, STEEG SAID THAT THE COMMUNITY HAS NOT MADE UP ITS MIND ON WHAT TO DO ABOUT STEEL. PURPOSE IN GOING TO OECD IS TO ENSURE THAT IMPACT OF ANY EC ACTION ON OUTSIDE WORLD IS GIVEN AN APPROPRIATE WEIGHT IN DISCUSSIONS WITHIN EC ON HOW TO HANDLE THIS PROBLEM. BY HAVING JOINT DISCUSSION IN OECD AS BACKGROUND FOR EC DISCUSSIONS, STEEG AND HER STAFF BELIEVE IT WOULD BE EASIER TO COUNTER FORCES WITHIN COMMUNITY AND WITHIN GERMANY ITSELF WHICH ARE PUSING FOR PROTECTIONIST MEASURES.
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